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AZERBAIDZHAN PETROLEUM OUTPUT LAGS DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS

BAKU OIL FIELDS RESTORE IDLE WELLS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 6 Jun 50

June 1950 has arrived and many of the oil fields and brigades of the Azneft' and Azmorneft' Associations are not fulfilling the state plan and the socialist obligations which they have assumed.

During 1950, the Ordzhonikidzeneft' Trust has renewed the operation of 55 idle wells but at the same time 37 wells discontinued operations. Dozens of tons of petroleum are being lost daily because the majority of the wells are not being operated by a correct technological method.

During the past month, the Azizbekovneft' Trust drilled 15 new wells and restored to operations 56 idle ones. At the same time, 42 wells ceased operating. The management of this trust is paying too little attention to the correct exploitation of active wells.

In 1949, the Stalinneft' Trust restored 298 idle wells to operations. In 1950, the producing wells of this trust have increased by 67 wells over January, mostly by restoring idle wells to operation.

Daily petroleum extraction in the first oil field of the Buzovnyneft' Trust has increased 25 percent by increasing the active wells.

The geological department of the Azneft' Association is not giving adequate assistance to the geological service of the trusts and oil fields.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 8 Jul 50

To increase the number of producing wells in Azerbaydzhan, the outstanding trusts and oil fields restored idle wells in June as follows:

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Stalinneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 6
 Oil Fields No 1, 2, 3
 Oil Field No 5
 Oil Fields No 4, 7

17 idle wells

Including:

4
 3 each
 2
 1 each

Leninneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 3
 Oil Fields No 6, 7, 8, 12
 Oil Fields No 1, 5, 9, 10, 14

16 idle wells

Including:

3
 2 each
 1 "

Buzovnyneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 1
 Oil Fields No 2, 3, 5

5 idle wells

Including:

2
 1 each

Kaganovichneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Fields No 1, 5
 Oil Fields No 2, 3, 6, 7

8 idle wells

Including

2 each
 1 "

Azizbekovneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 3
 Oil Fields No 2, 4
 Oil Field No 1

8 idle wells

Including:

3
 2 each
 1

Ordzhonikidzeneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 5
 Oil Fields No 6, 7
 Oil Fields No 1, 2, 4, 8

11 idle wells

Including:

3
 2 each
 1 "

Kirovneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 4
 Oil Fields No 2, 3, 5, 6

6 idle wells

Including:

2
 1 each

Molotovneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 1
 Oil Fields No 2, 3, 4, 6

6 idle wells

Including:

2
 1 each

Neftechalaneft' Trust

Artemneft' Trust

Including:

Oil Field No 2
 Oil Field No 3

1 idle well

3 idle wells

Including:

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The Azneft' Association as a whole restored 78 [sic] idle wells during June and the Azovneft' Association revived five. The five wells that were put into operation by the Buzovnyneft' Trust are producing more than 100 tons of petroleum per day. Since the beginning of 1950, 24 oil wells in oil fields No 2, 3, and 4 have resumed petroleum production.

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However, there are still many unproducing oil wells. The Molotovneft' Trust completed the monthly plan for putting idle oil wells into operation only 46 percent. The situation is particularly bad at the oil field No 6. In the Kirovneft' Trust, oil field No 4 has more than 110 idle wells and oil field No 2 has 20. For the Azneft' Association as a whole 314 wells discontinued operations during 6 months.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 14 Apr 50

Oil field No 4 of the Buzovnyneft' Trust was the first oil field to fulfill the 1949 plan but did not fulfill the 1950 first quarter plan. During the past months, nine oil wells of this territory have been given a major repair job and have been restored to activity. In spite of this addition, daily extraction has decreased dozens of tons.

AZERBAJDZHAN, BASHKIR OIL FIELDS FULFILL PLANS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 1 Jul 50

Leninneft' and Kaganovichneft' trusts fulfilled the 1950 first half-year plan. The former trust has increased its number of active wells by 68 since the beginning of 1950 and has raised its daily extraction of petroleum 300 tons. The latter trust has increased its number of active wells since the beginning of 1950 by 30 and has raised its daily extraction of petroleum 100 tons.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 28 Jun 50

Workers of Stalinneft' Trust have fulfilled the half-year plan ahead of schedule. Since the beginning of 1950 the number of operating wells has increased by 68 and daily petroleum extraction has risen 7 percent. The conversion of 75 wells from the compressor to the deep well pump method has raised petroleum extraction by 127 tons and eliminated the requirement for 600,000 cubic meters of compressed air per day.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 14 May 50

Of the 14 oil fields of the Order of Lenin Leninneft' Trust, only three are fulfilling their obligations. Nine oil fields did not complete the 4-month plan and 44 out of 65 petroleum-extracting brigades also failed to complete the 4-month plan.

Kommunist, 1 Jun 50

Workers of the first oil field of Buzovnyneft' Trust completed the half-year plan on 30 May and were the first in the Azerbaydzhane petroleum industry to achieve this success. All brigades are exceeding their production norms. Several wells have been added to the active reserves of the oil field since the beginning of 1950.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 16 Jun 50

Petroleum workers in the first oil field of Buzovnyneft' Trust are already working on their July quotas. The brigade headed by Mamedov was the first to complete the half-year plan. The number of operating wells has been increased by eight since the beginning of the year.

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Pravda, 17 Jun 50

The petroleum industry of the Bashkir ASSR fulfilled the postwar Five-Year Plan in 4 years. The discovery of new petroleum deposits, the highly technical equipment of oil fields, and the mastery of the most perfected technological processes are creating conditions for an even sharper increase in petroleum extraction in the Bashkir ASSR in the next few years.

Pravda, 10 Jun 50

Workers of the third oil field of Tuymazaneft' Trust were among the first in the Bashkir ASSR to fulfill the half-year program for petroleum extraction. For several days they have already been working on the second half-year's quota. They have delivered to the country thousands of tons of petroleum above plan. Workers of the first and second oil fields have almost finished the half-year program.

STEP UP OIL-WELL-DRILLING SPEED -- Kommunist, 28 Apr 50

Baku petroleum workers drilled only one oil well in 1920. In 1949, hundreds of wells were drilled. In 1924, the speed of drilling was only 97 meters per machine-month, which is very insignificant in comparison with the record of 4,361 meters per machine-month made by Fedor Minasov, drilling foreman of the Buzovnyneft Trust, in drilling well No 499. This latter well was also almost four times as deep as wells drilled in 1924.

The time interval between repair periods of operating wells increased from 26 to 50 days and then went as high as 120 and 150 days.

Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 20 May 50

Well No 48 at the Emba oil fields was put into operation 19 days ahead of schedule. Modern turbodrilling machines are stepping up the speed of oil-well drilling to $2\frac{1}{2}$ times its former rate.

AZMORNEFT' RECEIVES MORE EQUIPMENT -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 7 Jun 50

The trusts of the Azmorneft' Association are receiving a great amount of equipment and machinery. The part played by Azmorneft' Association in the further development of the Azerbaydzhan petroleum industry is increasing every day.

PETROLEUM REFINERIES INTRODUCE IMPROVEMENTS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 28 Jun 50

The number of efficiency suggestions received at the Order of Lenin Petroleum Refinery imeni Stalin has increased greatly recently. During the first quarter of 1950, 28 such suggestions were put into practice and during the second quarter, 93. The improvements have resulted in savings of more than 615,000 rubles so far. The most valuable of these is the introduction of a cheap filtering material substitute for separating oil from clay, the discovery of a workman named Grushko. This alone will save the plant 300,000 rubles per year. Another suggestion will greatly decrease the consumption of timber. A third, an improvement in the pumps, will save 28,000 rubles per year.

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Sovetskaya Latvija, 28 May 50

Workers at the Riga Petroleum Refinery are successfully fulfilling their Socialist obligations in honor of the tenth anniversary of the Latvian SSR. The enterprise has exceeded the half-year plan. An installation for reprocessing used oils so that they may be used again in industry and agriculture has been put into operation and has issued its first production.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 11 Jun 50

Workers of the Petroleum Refinery imeni Andreyev have considerably exceeded their quota for the first 10 days of June. All shops are either fulfilling or exceeding their norms.

PETROLEUM-MACHINERY PLANTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 4 Jun 50

The "Azneftemash" Trust fulfilled the 5-month plan for gross production. The majority of plants completed their 5-month quotas with excellent quantitative, qualitative, and economic indexes. The plants imeni Kirov, imeni Leytenant Shmidt, imeni Sverdlov, the Automobile Repair Plant imeni Lenin, and the Baku "Bol'shevik" Tractor Repair Plant achieved high production indexes. However, the plants imeni Dzerzhinskiy, imeni Stalin, and the Lenin Tractor Repair Plant did not meet their production quotas and the plants imeni Stalin, imeni Volodarskiy, and "Pervoye Maya" did not fulfill the plan according to assortments.

Kommunist, 7 May 50

The Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR and a first prize were awarded to workers of the Machine-Building Plant imeni Leytenant Shmidt.

The Transferable Red Banner of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions and of the Ministry of the Petroleum Industry USSR and a first prize were awarded to workers of the Oil Refinery imeni Dzhabaridze.

Second prizes were awarded to the second oil field of Stalinneft' Trust, the tractor base of Stalinneft' Trust, the tractor base of Leninneft' Trust, and the oil refinery which is directed by F. Guseynov.

Third prizes were awarded to workers of the fifth oil field of Leninneft' Trust, Kishlinskiy Machine-Building Plant, and the Plant imeni Montin.

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